House Resolution No. 693

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State entrepreneurial businessmen who have had an immeasurably positive impact upon their local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Richard McAllister of Patterson, Missouri, will share Businessperson of the Year accolades with his twin brother, Roger, as co-owner of McAllister Software; and

Whereas, located in the Piedmont Industrial Park, McAllister Software Systems employs sixty managers and workers in Wayne County and brings in more than two million dollars in revenue to the area through wages and benefits; and

Whereas, Richard McAllister was born on May 15, 1942, into the family of Wendell and Jessie McAllister, graduated from Clearwater High School in 1960, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau; and

Whereas, married to the former Linda Mullins for thirty-nine years, Richard McAllister has two children, Kimberly, a coach-accompanist and freelance musician in St. Louis, and Todd, a holder of an MIS degree from the University of Alabama and an employee of McAllister Software; and

Whereas, Richard McAllister worked in the ophthalmology department at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and as a piano technician with Baldwin and Steinway piano dealers in Huntsville, Alabama, before moving back to Patterson in 1993 to care for his mother, build a home, and develop the software business he had earlier established in cooperation with his brother; and

Whereas, an active member of the community, Richard McAllister volunteers as music and worship director with prisoners at the South Central Correctional Center in nearby Licking and serves as music and worship director, lay leader, and member of the Christian Education staff at Patterson United Methodist Church:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Richard McAllister as the joint Businessperson of the Year and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for this exemplary honor in his life and career as he looks with anticipation to the well-deserved and long-awaited golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Richard McAllister, Piedmont Area Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year.

Offered by
Representative Rod Jetton
District No. 156
I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 693, adopted March 11, 2002.
Jim Kreider, Speaker